

Responses to questions regarding WisDOT RFP 0092-12-11 “Establishing a Methodology to Evaluate Teen Driver Training Programs.”

Q. The RFP is titled “Establishing a Methodology to Evaluate Teen Driver Training Programs’ however, paragraph 2 of page 4 states ‘the department is seeking research proposals to conduct this project to develop methodology and identify potential data sources and **to analyze and evaluate** the effectiveness of driver training programs as they relate to demonstrated safety and behavior of teen drivers in Wisconsin.

A. The research will need to identify the methodology and potential data sources to analyze the effectiveness of driver training programs. The researcher will then need to apply the methodology as a pilot to a representative group of between 4 and 10 programs. The pilot will demonstrate the validity of the methodology and indicate the level of effort that WisDOT will need to apply the methodology to all programs.

Q. The “Figure 4: Budget Worksheet” included in the WRHP Proposal Guidelines, a total indirect cost rate of 15% is presented. Is this 15% rate a constraint/requirement for proposing teams, or used only as an example?

A. The link in the RFP to the RFP Guidelines is incorrect. Please use the correct link <http://wisdotresearch.wi.gov/wp-content/uploads/WisDOT-RFP-guidelines-policy-research.pdf> or go to <http://wisdotresearch.wi.gov> and click on Proposal Guidelines.

Q. The RFP indicates that numerous meetings are required between the Proposing Team, the WisDOT Project Manager, and the Oversight Committee. For out-of-state Proposing Teams, would in-person meetings for the kickoff meeting and the final briefing be sufficient, with interim meetings handled via web-based conferencing?

A. yes, in-person meetings for the kickoff meeting and final briefing would suffice. Interim meetings via web-based conferencing are acceptable.

Q. Does WisDOT know the kind of formal driver education training that each teen driver (under 18) has completed? That is, do individual driver records contain information on whether the young person received training at a specific school among the 220 licensed schools or at a specific technical college or public or private high school?

A. WisDOT has only recently started to collect this information. Starting May 1, we are recording the name and number of the DE program the student attended.

Q. Does WisDOT have detailed data on the number of students who have successfully completed driver education at various types of driver education programs on an annual basis?

A. WisDOT has only recently started to collect this information. Starting May 1, we are recording the name and number of the DE program the student attended.

Q. Are there any current requirements on licensed driving schools, or other sources of driver training for young people, to provide specific information on the students they have enrolled, such as number that they enroll annually and the percentage that fail their drivers' test?

A. WisDOT has only recently started to collect this information. Starting May 1, we are recording the name and number of the DE program the student attended. There are no requirements for Commercial Driver Training Schools to provide number of enrollees or pass/fail rates.

Q. Do all drivers under 18 have a Graduated Drivers License? Are all the restrictions throughout the State the same? Can we assume that all drivers under 18 have a GDL?

A. Yes, all drivers under the age of 18 have a GDL. Restrictions throughout the State are the same.

Q. You note that if a young person does not apply for a license before the age of 18, once s/he does apply "many of the provisions that require formal driver training...no longer apply." Which of the provisions remain?

A. The Drivers Education requirements no longer remain if a person is age 18 or older.

Q. Does WisDOT require or allow drivers with a certain number of citations (or points on their records) to attend additional driver training and education courses? Does WisDOT keep data on the age composition of those attending such programs?

A. Some drivers with citations are allowed to attend Traffic Safety School, Point Reduction classes.